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Attached is a Reuters dispatch on Commander Bucher's second "confession" and the first portion of the text as provided by FBIS. Attached also is an FBIS report on a Seoul broadcast saying that the South Koreans have asked that the ROK-US defense treaty be revised, as anticipated in this morning's CIB, to provide for immediate aid to South Korea in case of either direct or indirect aggression from the north without going through US constitutional proceedures.

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8:15A: PUEBLO:

HONG KONG, FEB. 12 (REUTERSXLANORTH KOREA TONIGHT BROADCAST WHAT IT CALLED A SECOND CONFESSION BY CAPTAIN LLOYD BUCHER OF THE AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE SHIP PLEBLO.

THE SPEAKER ON PYONGYANG RADIO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS BUCKER AND PLEADED TO BE ALLOWED TO GO HOME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

A TRACE OF EMOTION SEEMED TO COME INTO THE VOICE OF THE OTHERWISE DULL-SOUNDING SPEAKER AS HE TALKED OF HIS "DEAR FATHER" AND HIS WIFE AND TWO SONS.

"I WANT TO TELL THEM I AM SAFE AND WELL ... THEY SHOULDN'T WORRY TOO MUCH," BUCHER SAID.

HE ADDED, "I WISH WE COULD BE FORGIVEN GENEROUSLY (FOR THE PUEBLO INCIDENT) AND THAT WE BE ALLOWED TO GO HOME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

IN A MESSAGE TO HIS FAMILY, THE SPEAKER SAID, "I WANT TO TELL THEM I LOVE THEM VERY DEARLY.

IF HE WAS ALLOHED TO GO HOME HE WOULD WORK FOR THE "BETTERMENT OF MANKIND FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE."

HE WOULD ALSO TRY TO STOP ANY FURTHER INCIDENTS LIKE THAT LEADING TO THE SEIZURE OF THE FUEBLO BY NORTH KOREA, HE SAID.

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